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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Have the Government received any memorandum from the people of Feroke through the Hon. Minister for Law who toured the area to the effect that the Inspector of Police, Perintalmanna, is not serious about the enquiry? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated that a petition was received and that it was sent to the Inspector-General of Police. The matter was investigated not only by the Inspector but also under the supervision of the Deputy Superintendent of Police."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" There have been so many murder cases in Ernad and Walluvanad taluks. Especially in Feroke, the life and property of the innocent citizens are in danger. That is the general feeling among the people. Will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry and see that the culprits are booked? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The assumption of the hon. Member is wrong. Out of 24 cases, 23 have been detected and the criminals have been charged; only one case was undetected."

*Selection for the training as Executive and Special Officers of Panchayats.*

* 540 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have selected since 1950, candidates for undergoing training as Executive and Special Officers of Panchayats under District Panchayat Officers in various districts, the number of persons to whom training was so given since 1950 and the number of trainees who were appointed as Executive Officers or Special Officers of Panchayats up to 31st December 1952; and

(*b*) of the number of persons who were given training since 1950 in (*a*), the number of persons remaining on the waiting list on 31st December 1952 unprovided with jobs under heads (1) one year and below after training, and (2) above one year after training?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Government as well as the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards selected candidates for appointment as Executive Officers and deputed them for training under District Panchayat Officers. The number of such persons trained in 1950, 1951 and 1952 is 146 and the number of the trainees appointed so far as Executive Officers is 63.

" (*b*) The number of trainees on the waiting list on 31st December 1952 after weeding out the names of those whom it would not be possible to appoint in the next two years, is as follows :—

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| For one year and less after training ... | 11 |
| For a period exceeding one year after training ... ... ... ... ... | 19 " |

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Sri K. KRISHNA RAO :—" While there are available trainees who have undergone the training, is it a fact that the Government have been allowing the appointment to the said posts of persons who have not undergone any training at all? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The so-called training is only working under some District Panchayat Officer for fifteen days. But competent people should be selected as Executive Officers. I think whoever is competent is being selected by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards."

Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా! కొందరిని జిల్లా పంచాయితీ ఆఫీసర్లదగ్గర training కు పంపించి వారికి certificate లు ఇచ్చి list లో చేర్చినటువంటివారిని disqualify చేసి కొత్తవారికి, qualification లేనివారికి ఎందుకు ఇవ్వవలసి వచ్చిందో వినపిస్తారా? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question. Too many were trained for too few places and so good people were selected and some other people were omitted." 10-30 a.m.

Sri K. KRISHNA RAO :—" While persons had been selected for training and later on did undergo training and get certificates, why were they kept in the waiting list while others who were not selected for, and who did not undergo training, were selected? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" No one is posted who is not trained. But some were omitted and some good people with higher qualifications and good personality were selected."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of recruiting these candidates through the usual channel, namely, the Madras Public Service Commission which is above suspicion? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The matter will be considered, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Question time is over and the rest of the questions will be printed in the official proceedings."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" On a point of order, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member first come to my Chamber and discuss the matter. He can raise the point afterwards in the House."

### *Sales tax collections.*

* 541 *Q.*—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether there has been any fall in sales tax collections in each district as a result of decontrol and the closure of Fair Price shops in the State; and, if so, to what extent?